

**United States Department of Labor
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

A.C., Appellant

and

U.S. GOVERNMENT, Employer

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**Docket No. 21-0385
Issued: December 23, 2021**

Appearances:
Appellant, pro se
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On January 24, 2021 appellant sought an appeal from a purported decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-0385.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that the Board has jurisdiction to review final adverse decisions of OWCP issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ This jurisdiction encompasses any final decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed his appeal.² The Board's *Rules of Procedure* provide that a notice of appeal shall contain certain information, including the "[d]ate and [c]ase [f]ile [n]umber assigned by OWCP concerning the decision being appealed to the Board."³ Appellant has not provided a valid OWCP case file number; therefore, no final adverse decision has been identified over which the Board

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8101 *et seq.*; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

² 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e) provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(c)(4).

may properly exercise jurisdiction. As such, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as No. 21-0385 must be dismissed.⁴

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 21-0385 is dismissed.

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Janice B. Askin, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
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⁴ The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).